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# MINUTES

**1. DECLARATION OF OPENING/ ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS:**

THE PRESIDENT CR. HUTCHINSON DECLARED THE MEETING OPEN AT 10.05 AM AND ANNOUNCED THAT PETER HAYES, MEEKATHARRA POLICE WILL ADDRESS COUNCIL AT 11.50 AM AND REMAIN FOR LUNCH.

**2. RECORD OF ATTENDANCE/ APOLOGIES/ APPROVED LEAVE OF ABSENCE:**

**ATTENDANCE**

CR. HUTCHINSON (PRESIDENT)  
CR. O'DWYER (DEPUTY PRESIDENT)  
CR. NICHOLS  
CR. VAN DEN OEVER  
CR. HOWDEN  
CR. BURROWS  
CR. BAIN  
CR. HUNT

**APOLOGIES**

CR. TRENFIELD  
N. J. HOLMES (DEPUTY C.E.O.)

**OFFICERS**

T.A. HARTMAN ( C.E.O.)

**3. RESPONSE TO PREVIOUS PUBLIC QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE:**

Nil.

**4. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME:**

Nil.

**5. APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE:**

**Council Resolution**

**RESOLVED: (Moved by Cr. Burrows Seconded By Cr. Bain)**

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THAT LEAVE OF ABSENCE BE GRANTED TO CR. HUNT FOR THE JANUARY 2004, MEETING.

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**CARRIED 8.0**

**6. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS:**

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6.1 ORDINARY MEETING HELD 15<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2003.

**Council Resolution**

**RESOLVED: (Moved by Cr. O'Dwyer Seconded by Cr. Hunt)**

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THAT THE MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE SHIRE OF MEEKATHARRA HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON 15<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER BE CONFIRMED.

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**CARRIED 8.0**

**7. PETITION/ DEPUTATIONS/ PRESENTATIONS/ SUBMISSIONS:**

Nil.

**8. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE PRESIDING PERSON WITHOUT DISCUSSION:**

Nil.

**9. REPORTS OF COUNCILLORS:**

- Cr. Howden advised that the recent meeting of the Murchison Vermin Council discussed various upgrading options for the fence. However the costs would be prohibitive.

10.1 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORT SUBMITTED TO THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING TO BE HELD DECEMBER 20<sup>TH</sup> 2003.

**10.1.1 RFDS - Mobil Fuel Facility**

**File Ref:** A/20/8/9

**Reporting Officer:** Tom Hartman CEO.

**Disclosure of Interest:** Nil.

**Date of Report:** 12<sup>th</sup> December, 2003

**Summary:** Mobil have entered a new agreement with RFDS which sees them taking full responsibility for the operation at the airport. Mobil have requested an arrangement with Council to carry out quality control and checks for them.

**Background:** Council has an agreement with RFDS to carry out operational activities at the Mobil fuel facility at the Airport, in return for a yearly payment of \$8,000. RFDS have now entered into a new contract with Mobil where the existing responsibilities have now reverted back to Mobil. Mobil is now wanting Council to carry out the same work for them as we do for RFDS (See attached letters), for an extra \$400/ year (\$8,400).

**Comment:** A Mobil representative visited Meekatharra recently and discussed the possibility of Council carrying out the same work for them, as we do for the RFDS. I advised that the matter would need to be considered by Council as the arrangement with the RFDS was struck on the basis of negotiation. Councillors may remember that a compromised agreement was reached with the CEO, RFDS, in May 2003. This agreement was reached after Council considered the cost/ benefit of having RFDS in Meekatharra i.e. doctors for the town etc.

In the negotiations with RFDS (Round figures) Council were asking for \$12,000 per year, RFDS offered \$4,800, agreement was reached at \$8,000 per year. It may be equitable that Mobil pay more for the service than the RFDS.

Prior to Mobil constructing their facility at the Airport, RFDS were being serviced by BP. Council received 3 cents per litre of fuel delivered into BP tanks. When RFDS changed over the payment of service had to be renegotiated due to RFDS refusing to continue with the 3 cents per litre.

It may now be a good time for Council to re-introduce the 3 cents per litre in return for carrying out the quality control and other work associated with the facility, which will be the same as what BP are charged for a similar service.

The latest figures of fuel going into Mobil tanks is approximately 340,000 litres per year. At 3 cents per litre Council would receive \$10,200 for the service, if that is the way it wants to go.

**Consultation:** Airport Manager.

**Statutory Environment:** Nil.

**Policy Implications:** Nil.

**Financial Implications:** Will have impact on the airport operations.

**Strategic Implications:** Nil.

**Voting Requirements:** Simple Majority.

**Recommendation:**

THAT COUNCIL REJECT THE OFFER FROM MOBIL FOR \$700 PER MONTH TO PROVIDE THE SERVICE AT THE MOBIL/RFDS FACILITY AND ADVISE THAT THE SERVICE WILL BE CARRIED OUT FOR \$850 PER MONTH OR 3 CENTS PER LITRE OF FUEL DELIVERED INTO THE FACILITY, WHICH EVER IS THE GREATER.

**Council Resolution:**

**RESOLVED: (Moved by Cr. O'Dwyer Seconded by Cr. Van den Oever)**

THAT COUNCIL REJECT THE OFFER FROM MOBIL FOR \$700 PER MONTH TO PROVIDE THE SERVICE AT THE MOBIL/RFDS FACILITY AND ADVISE THAT THE SERVICE WILL BE CARRIED OUT FOR \$850 PER MONTH OR 3 CENTS PER LITRE OF FUEL DELIVERED INTO THE FACILITY, WHICH EVER IS THE GREATER.

CARRIED 8.0

**10.1.2 Road Train Routes - Meekatharra Townsite**

**File Ref:** R/40/1

**Reporting Officer:** Tom Hartman CEO.

**Disclosure of Interest:** Nil.

**Date of Report:** 12<sup>th</sup> December, 2003

**Summary:** Report again raises matter of road trains in Meekatharra and recommends lifting the matter from the table and endorsement of agreed road train route.

**Background:** Council considered this matter at the meeting held in October 2003 and resolved to 'lay the matter on the table' pending further investigation. Councillors held two (2) briefing sessions on the matter and agreed on a proposal that now needs endorsement.

**Comment:** Councillors reviewed the matter of road trains on town streets at meetings held Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup>, October and again on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2003.

After further deliberations the Councillors present, by way of consensus, indicated that two proposals be agreed to. The first being a triple road train route (the "A" route) where all heavy vehicles can travel be:

*Connaughton Street, Donovan Street, Stoddart Street (from Donovan Street to Gwalia Street), Oliver Street (from Connaughton to Savage Street), Railway Street (from Connaughton to Savage Street), Marmont Street, Gwalia Street, Savage Street (from Oliver to Railway Street), Douglas Street and Campbell Road.*

The second being a double road train route (the "B" route) where heavy vehicles up to a double road train can travel:

*Porter Street (from Main to Hill Street), Hill Street (from Porter to Meehan Street), Meehan Street (from Hill Street to Main Street).*

It will require that these two (2) routes be suitably signed and some intersections will require further treatment. It may be possible for this work to be funded by the 'Blackspot' program if an application for funding is successful in the 2004/05 financial year.

**Consultation:** Councillors and Main Roads.

**Statutory Environment:** Local Government Act.  
Main Roads Act.  
Road Traffic (Vehicle Standards) Regulations 2002.  
Road Traffic (Vehicle Standards) Rules 2002.

**Policy Implications:** Council has an adopted road train route resolved at the meeting February 2002.

**Financial Implications:** Signage costs, intersection treatments, possible contribution from Blackspot program.

**Strategic Implications:** Assists Council's control on road use by heavy vehicles.

**Voting Requirements:** Simple Majority.

**Recommendation:**

THAT COUNCIL AMEND THE ROAD TRAIN ROUTES IN THE MEEKATHARRA TOWNSITE BY-

1. APPROVING THE FOLLOWING ROADS AS THE APPROVED ROUTE FOR HEAVY VEHICLES UP TO TRIPLE ROAD TRAINS, TO BE KNOWN AS THE 'A' ROUTE-

CONNAUGHTON STREET, DONOVAN STREET, STODDART STREET (FROM DONOVAN STREET TO GWALIA STREET), OLIVER STREET (FROM CONNAUGHTON TO SAVAGE STREET), RAILWAY STREET (FROM CONNAUGHTON TO SAVAGE STREET), MARMONT STREET, GWALIA STREET, SAVAGE STREET (FROM OLIVER TO RAILWAY STREET), DOUGLAS STREET AND CAMPBELL ROAD.

2. APPROVING THE FOLLOWING ROADS AS THE APPROVED ROUTE FOR HEAVY VEHICLES UP TO DOUBLE ROAD TRAINS, TO BE KNOWN AS THE 'B' ROUTE-

PORTER STREET (FROM MAIN TO HILL STREET), HILL STREET (FROM PORTER TO MEEHAN STREET), MEEHAN STREET (FROM HILL STREET TO MAIN STREET).

**Council Resolution:**

**RESOLVED: (Moved by Cr. Bain Seconded by Cr. Hunt)**

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**THAT COUNCIL AMEND THE ROAD TRAIN ROUTES IN THE MEEKATHARRA TOWNSITE BY-**

- 1. APPROVING THE FOLLOWING ROADS AS THE APPROVED ROUTE FOR HEAVY VEHICLES UP TO TRIPLE ROAD TRAINS, TO BE KNOWN AS THE 'A' ROUTE-**

**CONNAUGHTON STREET, DONOVAN STREET, STODDART STREET (FROM DONOVAN STREET TO GWALIA STREET), OLIVER STREET (FROM CONNAUGHTON TO SAVAGE STREET), RAILWAY STREET (FROM CONNAUGHTON TO SAVAGE STREET), MARMONT STREET, GWALIA STREET, SAVAGE STREET (FROM OLIVER TO RAILWAY STREET) , DOUGLAS STREET AND CAMPBELL ROAD.**

- 2. APPROVING THE FOLLOWING ROADS AS THE APPROVED ROUTE FOR HEAVY VEHICLES UP TO DOUBLE ROAD TRAINS, TO BE KNOWN AS THE 'B' ROUTE-**

**PORTER STREET (FROM MAIN TO HILL STREET), HILL STREET (FROM PORTER TO MEEHAN STREET), MEEHAN STREET (FROM HILL STREET TO MAIN STREET).**

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**CARRIED 5.3**

### **10.1.3 St Barbara Mines: Notice of Intent - Paddy's Flat Project**

**File Ref:** M/25/12

**Reporting Officer:** Tom Hartman CEO.

**Disclosure of Interest:** Nil.

**Date of Report:** 12<sup>th</sup> December, 2003

**Summary:** Report advises that St Barbara Mines Notice Of Intent has been supported and requests Council's endorsement of this action.

**Background:** St Barbara Mines submitted their Notice of Intent on the 18<sup>th</sup> November, 2003 and requested acknowledgement as soon as possible.

**Comment:** Due to the importance of this operation to Meekatharra and noting the monitoring procedures for noise and dust problems that may arise, no objections were raised subject to compliance with any relevant legislation, including the contents of the Notice of Intent.

**Consultation:** President, Tom Hutchinson.

**Statutory Environment:** Mining Act.

**Policy Implications.** Nil.

**Financial Implications:** Nil.

**Strategic Implications:** Will have positive impact on the Community.

**Voting Requirements:** Simple Majority.

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**Recommendation:**

THAT COUNCIL ENDORSE THE ACTION OF THE CEO IN RESPONDING POSITIVELY TO ST BARBARA MINES IN RAISING NO OBJECTIONS TO THE PROPOSAL SUBJECT TO COMPLIANCE WITH ANY RELEVANT LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENTS.

**Council Resolution:**

**RESOLVED: (Moved by Cr. Hunt Seconded by Cr. Hunt)**

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THAT COUNCIL ENDORSE THE ACTION OF THE CEO IN RESPONDING POSITIVELY TO ST BARBARA MINES IN RAISING NO OBJECTIONS TO THE PROPOSAL SUBJECT TO COMPLIANCE WITH ANY RELEVANT LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENTS.

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**CARRIED 8.0**

**10.1.4 Premiers Australia Day Active Citizenship Awards - 2004**

**File Ref:** C/25

**Reporting Officer:** Tom Hartman CEO.

**Disclosure of Interest:** Nil.

**Date of Report:** 15<sup>th</sup> December, 2003

**Summary:** Report raises the awards for Council to nominate persons, groups or events for the awards.

**Background:** As part of Australia Day family awards, the Premiers Australia Day Active.

Citizen awards were introduced to be announced on Australia Day.

The awards focus on community contribution and participation rather than personal achievement:

There are three awards-

- Outstanding contributions to community by a local citizen of 25 years of age or over
- Outstanding contributions to community by a local citizen under 25 years of age
- Outstanding contributions to community by a local group or community event

The nomination are required to be submitted by Friday December 19<sup>th</sup>.

**Comment:** As can be seen, we haven't any time to advertise, so I am suggesting that Council make some decisions. Not sure what happened here, but the information on the awards only hit my desk on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> December.

I consider there could be a good opportunity for Council to recognise those in the community for their valuable service. I am sure that we will be able to submit names for each category.



There would be persons over and under 25 who we could nominate. The group or event we could nominate has many examples that could be considered e.g., the Meeka Family Fun and Information Day and the Meekatharra Men's Group, who recently received an Australian Government award in Canberra.

**Consultation:** Nil.

**Statutory Environment:** Nil.

**Policy Implications:** Nil.

**Financial Implications:** If Council conducts an event on Australia Day 2004 there will be costs.

**Strategic Implications:** Will have positive impacts on Council and community relationships.

**Voting Requirements:** Simple Majority.

**Recommendation:**

THAT COUNCIL NOMINATE:

PETER BANNISTER FOR THE PREMIERS AUSTRALIAN DAY ACTIVE CITIZENSHIP AWARD FOR A PERSON OF 25 YEARS OR OLDER.

JUSTIN PENNY FOR THE PREMIERS AUSTRALIAN DAY ACTIVE CITIZENSHIP AWARD FOR A PERSON UNDER 25 YEARS.

MEEKATHARRA MEN'S GROUP FOR THE PREMIERS AUSTRALIAN DAY ACTIVE CITIZENSHIP AWARD FOR A LOCAL GROUP OR COMMUNITY EVENT.

**Council Resolution:**

**RESOLVED: (Moved by Cr. Nichols Seconded by Cr. Van den Oever)**

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THAT COUNCIL NOMINATE:

PETER BANNISTER FOR THE PREMIERS AUSTRALIAN DAY ACTIVE CITIZENSHIP AWARD FOR A PERSON OF 25 YEARS OR OLDER.

JUSTIN PENNY FOR THE PREMIERS AUSTRALIAN DAY ACTIVE CITIZENSHIP AWARD FOR A PERSON UNDER 25 YEARS.

MEEKATHARRA MEN'S GROUP FOR THE PREMIERS AUSTRALIAN DAY ACTIVE CITIZENSHIP AWARD FOR A LOCAL GROUP OR COMMUNITY EVENT.

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CARRIED 8.0

**10.1.5** Meekatharra Liquor Restriction - End of six month trial.

**File Ref:** L/16

**Reporting Officer:** Tom Hartman CEO.

**Disclosure of Interest:** Nil.

**Date of Report:** 15<sup>th</sup> December, 2003

**Summary:** Report raises matter from Director of Liquor Licensing and seeking comments from Council.

**Background:** A copy of the letter from the Director of Liquor Licensing is attached.

**Comment:** Council has the opportunity to make comments on the effectiveness of the trial and can consider requesting that the restrictions remain.

At a recent meeting between Councillors and the Police Service our Local Officer in Charge did request that Council support the continuation of the accord.

**Consultation:** Local police.  
Some Councillors.

**Statutory Environment:** Liquor Licensing Act.

**Policy Implications:** Nil.

**Financial Implications:** Nil.

**Strategic Implications:** May have positive impact on social outcomes in Meekatharra.

**Voting Requirements:** Simple Majority.

**Recommendation:**

THAT COUNCIL CONSIDERS THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE RESTRICTIONS, MAKES COMMENT AND SUPPORTS THE CONTINUATION OF THE ACCORD.

**Council Resolution:**

**RESOLVED: (Moved by Cr. Burrows Seconded by Cr. Van den Oever)**

THAT COUNCIL CONSIDERS THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE RESTRICTIONS, MAKES COMMENT AND SUPPORTS THE CONTINUATION OF THE ACCORD.

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CARRIED 8.0

**10.1.6** **Office Closure - New Year**

**File Ref:** S/25/13

**Reporting Officer:** Tom Hartman CEO.

**Disclosure of Interest:** Nil.

**Date of Report:** 15<sup>th</sup> December, 2003

**Summary:** Report raises office hours over the Christmas/ New Year period and recommends closure on Friday January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2004.

**Background:** Many Local Governments now set up systems that allow them to close the administration office for the period between Christmas and New Year. This is normally a quiet period and it allows some staff to take time over this period.

**Comment:** There has been some feedback from the information bulletin regarding the suggestion of closure. There is concern that the closure period may be too great. This concern is really only known by Councillors who have direct contact with residents.

I would suggest that this year Council considers closing the office on Friday January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2004 and monitor the situation earlier for next year and consider the matter again around November.

The suggested closure for this Christmas/ New Year period would be:

Thursday December 25 <sup>th</sup>	Closed
Friday December 26 <sup>th</sup>	Closed
Monday December 29 <sup>th</sup>	Open
Tuesday December 30 <sup>th</sup>	Open
Wednesday December 31 <sup>st</sup>	Open
Thursday January 1 <sup>st</sup>	Closed
Friday January 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Closed

**Consultation:** President.  
Cr. Hunt.  
Cr. Howden.

**Statutory Environment:** Nil.

**Policy Implications:** Nil.

**Financial Implications:** Nil.

**Strategic Implications:** Nil.

**Voting Requirements:** Simple Majority.

**Recommendation:**

THAT COUNCIL ADVERTISE THE FOLLOWING OFFICE HOURS FOR THE 2003/2004 CHRISTMAS/ NEW YEAR SEASON.

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Thursday December 25 <sup>th</sup>	Closed
Friday December 26 <sup>th</sup>	Closed
Monday December 29 <sup>th</sup>	Open
Tuesday December 30 <sup>th</sup>	Open
Wednesday December 31 <sup>st</sup>	Open
Thursday January 1 <sup>st</sup>	Closed
Friday January 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Closed

**Council Resolution:**

**RESOLVED: (Moved by Cr. Van den Oever Seconded by Cr. O'Dwyer)**

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THAT COUNCIL ADVERTISE THE FOLLOWING OFFICE HOURS FOR THE 2003/2004 CHRISTMAS/ NEW YEAR SEASON.

<b>Thursday December 25<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Closed</b>
<b>Friday December 26<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Closed</b>
<b>Monday December 29<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Open</b>
<b>Tuesday December 30<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Open</b>
<b>Wednesday December 31<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Open</b>
<b>Thursday January 1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Closed</b>
<b>Friday January 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>Closed</b>

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**CARRIED 8.0**

**NOTE: CR. HUNT LEFT THE MEETING AT 10.38 AM.**

**10.1.7**                      **APB Vacancy - Meekatharra Zone Control Authority**

**File Ref:**                      A/26

**Reporting Officer:**        Tom Hartman CEO.

**Disclosure of Interest:**    Nil.

**Date of Report:**            15<sup>th</sup> December, 2003

**Summary:**                    The APB has invited a nomination from Council for prospective appointment to the Meekatharra Zone Control Authority.

**Background:**                The attached letter form the APB outlines the nominations.

**Comment:**                    Council has the opportunity to have a representative on the Meekatharra Zone Control Authority. There is enough expertise on Council to determine whether there is benefits by having a Council representative on this organisation.

**Consultation:**                Cr. Howden.

**Statutory Environment:**    Agriculture Protection Board Act.

**Policy Implications:**        Nil.

**Financial Implications:** Nil.

**Strategic Implications:** May have positive impact with improving information between organisations.

**Voting Requirements:** Simple Majority.

**Recommendation:**

THAT COUNCIL NOMINATE GREG WATTERS TO THE APB FOR PROSPECTIVE APPOINTMENT TO THE MEEKATHARRA ZONE CONTROL AUTHORITY.

**Council Resolution:**

**RESOLVED: (Moved by Cr. Howden Seconded by Cr. Burrows)**

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THAT COUNCIL NOMINATE GREG WATTERS TO THE APB FOR PROSPECTIVE APPOINTMENT TO THE MEEKATHARRA ZONE CONTROL AUTHORITY.

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**CARRIED 7.0**

10.2 DEPUTY CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORT SUBMITTED TO THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING TO BE HELD DECEMBER 20<sup>TH</sup> 2003

**10.2.1 Sale of Erivilla Location 9**

**File Ref:** Erivilla Location 9

**Reporting Officer:** Noelene Holmes Deputy CEO.

**Disclosure of Interest:** Nil.

**Date of Report:** 17<sup>th</sup> November 2003

**Summary** Sale of Erivilla Location 9 to Karalundi Aboriginal Education Centre.

**Background:** Erivilla Location has been leased to Karalundi Aboriginal Education Centre for the purpose of 'Grazing and Airstrip' for a 21 year term. Department for planning and Infrastructure propose to offer location 9 for sale to the lessee (Karalundi) so the land can be amalgamated with their freehold property being Location 11.

**Comment:** To enable further action to proceed DPI have requested Council's comments and confirmation of any objections to the proposed sale to the lessee.

A copy of a print showing the locations is attached.

**Consultation:** CEO

**Statutory Environment:** Nil.

**Policy Implications:** Nil.

**Financial Implications:** Nil.

**Strategic Implications:** Nil.

**Voting Requirements:** Simple Majority.

**Recommendation:**

THAT COUNCIL RAISE NO OBJECTIONS TO THE PROPOSED SALE, SUBJECT TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND INFRASTRUCTURE CONSULTING WITH THE SURROUNDING PASTORAL LEASE.

**Council Resolution:**

**RESOLVED: (Moved by Cr. Bain Seconded by Cr. O'Dwyer)**

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THAT COUNCIL RAISE NO OBJECTIONS TO THE PROPOSED SALE, SUBJECT TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND INFRASTRUCTURE CONSULTING WITH THE SURROUNDING PASTORAL LEASE.

**10.2.2**                                 **Murchison Country Zone Regional Risk Coordination**

**File Ref:**                                 I/15/5

**Reporting Officer:**                 Noelene Holmes Deputy CEO.

**Disclosure of Interest:**         Nil.

**Date of Report:**                     8<sup>th</sup> December 2003.

**Summary:**                               Murchison Country Zone Regional Risk Coordination.

**Attachment:**                         Proposal by Local Government Insurance Services.

**Background:**                         Local Government Insurance Services is offering the Shires of the Murchison Region the opportunity to establish and implement a co-funded regional risk strategy. It is designed to support smaller regional Shires in a partnership approach with Local Government Insurance Services. The object is to achieve compliance and certification in occupational safety and health, effective risk assessment and management of civil liability and assets.

**Comment:**                               D/CEO - Membership to this group will only be offered once as the infrastructure and intellectual property will be jointly owned from inception through the commitment and financial contribution of participating members. It will be funded as a joint venture between LGIS and the participating shires, with the members contribution of 50% being divided pro rata according to payroll size. The membership for the Shire of Meekatharra is to the tune of \$4940 for each of the following 2 years with the Scheme contribution being \$27000 for two years, thereafter it will be subject to CPI based review. To date the proposal has been accepted by the Shires of Cue, Mt Magnet, Yalgoo and Murchison.

The Shire will be visited at least five times a year which will involve training, audits, injury management, occupational safety and health and other associated functions. The Scheme will be applied in two stages with it being commenced on July 1 2004.

CEO – The Department of Consumer and Employment Protection have raised concerns with the general lack of compliance with Local Government and have warned that inspections will be increased in the near future.

It is important that the Shire of Meekatharra increases its commitment towards compliance with the basic requirement of the legislation. This partnership will identify any non-compliance and will assist in setting up a proper structure. The Scheme appears to be very cost effective as compared to Council employing their own consultant, and should be agreed to.

**Consultation:**                         C.E.O.  
Jordan Reid - LGIS

**Statutory Environment:**         Occupational Safety and Health Act (1984)  
Workers Compensation and Rehabilitation Act  
Municipal Liability, Property and Municipal Workcare Scheme Rules.

**Policy Implications:**               Nil.

**Financial Implications:** \$4,940 – (to be included in 04/05 budget)

**Strategic Implications:** Compliance with legislation. Safe work places and informed workers. Effective risk management processes. Cost savings on training programs.

**Voting Requirements:** Simple Majority.

**Recommendation:**

THAT COUNCIL AGREE TO ACCEPT THE PROPOSAL AS SUBMITTED BY LGIS AND THAT PROVISION BE MADE IN THE 2004/2005 BUDGET TO BE INCLUDED IN THE SCHEME.

**Council Resolution:**

**RESOLVED: (Moved by Cr. Burrows Seconded by Cr. Nichols)**

THAT COUNCIL AGREE TO ACCEPT THE PROPOSAL AS SUBMITTED BY LGIS AND THAT PROVISION BE MADE IN THE 2004/2005 BUDGET TO BE INCLUDED IN THE SCHEME.

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CARRIED 7.0

**10.2.3**                      **Accounts to be paid**

**File Ref:** F/6

**Reporting Officer:** Noelene Holmes, Deputy C.E.O.

**Disclosure of Interest:** Nil.

**Date of Report:** 10<sup>th</sup> December 2003.

**Summary:** The following accounts are presented to Council for payment:

Municipal Account	Voucher No.s 18645 - 18768	Amount: \$386,253.77
Air BP Account	Voucher No.s VARIOUS	Amount: \$6,635.55

**Voting Requirements:** Simple majority.

**Recommendation:**

THAT THE ACCOUNTS AS DETAILED BE PAID.

**Council Resolution:**

**RESOLVED: (Moved By Cr. O'Dwyer Seconded by Cr. Van den Oever )**

THAT THE ACCOUNTS AS DETAILED BE PAID.

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CARRIED 7.0



**10.2.4**                      **Schedule 26**

**File Ref:**                      F/6

**Reporting Officer:**        Noelene Holmes, Deputy C.E.O.

**Disclosure of Interest:**   Nil.

**Date of Report:**            10<sup>th</sup> December, 2003.

**Summary:**                      Schedule 26 summarising the Shire's cash position will be presented at the meeting.

**Voting Requirements:**    Simple majority

**Recommendation:**

THAT SCHEDULE 26 BE RECEIVED.

**Council Resolution:**

**RESOLVED: (Moved By Cr. O'Dwyer Seconded by Cr. Van den Oever )**

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**11. ELECTED MEMBERS MOTIONS OF WHICH PREVIOUS NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN:**

Nil.

**12. NEW BUSINESS OF AN URGENT NATURE INTRODUCED BY DECISION OF MEETING:**

Nil.

**13. CLOSURE OF MEETING:            11.04 am.**